

Nightingale News

“PROUD TO BE HAWKS”

Honest, Awesome Attitude, Working hard, Kind, Safe



We acknowledge that we live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples –Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam nations

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Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We look forward to seeing our students dressed up tomorrow for Halloween. Students are enjoying the Halloween activities and projects in several of our classrooms. Ms. Bresweth and Ms. Stanke are organizing a social distance parade, which will be different from our usual school wide parade but we can assure you that it will be fun! Much appreciation goes to our support workers who are keen on continuing this tradition at Nightingale!

It is great to see so many classrooms participating in Halloween projects including creating jack-o-lanterns from pumpkins and other artwork.

Students should be dressed in costumes as per the information sent home to parents earlier this week and last week.

Happy Halloween from the Nightingale Staff!

Please follow us on Twitter @Nightingale_vsb



Mark Your Calendar

Oct 29	PAC Meeting - 6:30 pm Zoom link: https://langara.zoom.us/j/95520089195
Oct 30 th	Halloween
Nov 1 st	Kindergarten Registration Begins
Nov 10 th	Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly via Teams, 11:00 am
Nov 11 th	Remembrance Day - No School
Nov 27 th	PRO-D - School Not in Session

STUDENT FORMS

In September students brought home a variety of forms and most have been returned. However there are still quite a few outstanding. If you have not already done so please return the forms to the school as soon as possible.

COMMUNICATION

Newsletters/emails will be sent via MyEd system. If you have Hotmail service, please save the following email address sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca to your contact list so that you can receive emails. If you are using Hotmail service, emails from MyEd systems, will end up in your junk folder!

School Fees - Reminder

VSB offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2020-2021 is \$35.00 per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. REGISTER TO PAY YOUR CHILDS FEES ONLINE! Please go to <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.co> or visit our website at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/florence-nightingale>. Should you encounter any difficulties, call the parent help desk at 1(866) 961-1803. Financial Hardship: if at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal, Ms. Morgan.



Remembrance Day is fast approaching. We will be conducting a virtual Ceremony on Tuesday, November 10th via Teams around 11:00 am. We hope our families can join us via TEAMS.

We will be collecting poppy donations via School Cash Online. All donations will go to BC Legion. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Gathering on School Grounds During Arrival & Dismissal Times

It is critical that we continue to observe PHO guidelines related to social distancing. To support this guideline, Kindergarten parents/guardians, when you arrive, please stand with your child on the pink tape in the designated area. At the bell, students will be brought inside immediately. During dismissal, the Kindertgartens will be dismissed a few minutes earlier. As soon as your child is released to you by 3:00 pm, please exit the school grounds. If you wish to return so that your child can play on the play structure, please wait until all the students have been dismissed.

Parents/Guardians who drop off/pick up their children at the back, please direct your child/ren to their designated waiting spot on the blacktop and head to the gravel field until they are picked up by the classroom teacher. During dismissal, please kindly wait on the gravel field for your child to be released - so we can prevent close gathering.

We really want to thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times. This is so anti-thesis to who we are: we love to be with each other but we must be vigilant about this guideline as safety is our top priority. We want to thank you in advance for your continued patience during these challenging times. ***Please remember to wear your mask.***

Students in Division 1 have been practicing Random Acts of Kindness in the school and community. Here they are raking leaves in the neighbourhood, look out for their signature cards and be sure to pass kindness on!



Daylight Savings Time

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1st for day light savings time.



Starting next week, Div 1. will be selling Nightingale school patches! Get your very own for \$5.00. All proceeds will be going towards this year's Grad sweaters, with 10% of the funds being donated to a local charity. Please go online to pay for patches.

Hallowe'en and Safety

Halloween is a time of great excitement for children. However it is important to keep in mind all aspects of your child's safety when planning costumes, decorations, treats and activities on the special night itself. With some simple precautions, you can ensure that Halloween remains a safe and happy experience for the whole family.

SOME TIPS

No matter how you celebrate Halloween this year:

- Trick or treating in small groups but still maintain social distance
- Turn off your porch light and stay at home if you are sick
- Try including a non-medical mask or face covering as part of your costume
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer often
- Leave space between you and other groups to reduce crowding on stairs and sidewalks
- Wash your hands before you go out, when you get home and before eating treats



Road Rules Still Apply

In all the excitement, trick or treaters can forget about pedestrian safety. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult or a responsible older child. Remember to walk down one side of a street before crossing to the other side to limit the amount of street crossings.

Pay Close Attention When Driving

Eliminate any distractions you might have and keep your eye on the road for any Halloween activity or trick-or-treaters. If possible, avoid driving on streets with a lot of trick-or-treaters moving from house to house.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2016 BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 1ST

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **November 1 and closes at 4 pm on January 29**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Completion of an online application form

Step 2: Verifying documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment

Supporting documents needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)



If you want to apply for a District program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for District programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2021.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District.